

PRESTEIGNE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



JOINT ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the

YEAR 1971

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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
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To the Chairman and Members of the Presteigne Urban District Council:

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1971.

I am,

Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

L. Allen, M.A.P.H.I.
Public Health Inspector.

SECTION A

STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	2718
Population (estimated)	1220
Number of inhabited houses (as per rate book)	477
Rateable Value of the area (1.4.71)	£31,975
Sum represented by a 1p rate (1.4.71)	£302

BIRTHS & INFANTILE MORTALITY

	MALES			FEMALES		
	TOTAL	LEGIT.	ILLEGIT.	TOTAL	LEGIT.	ILLEGIT.
Live Births	9	9	-	7	7	-
Still Births	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Deaths of</u> <u>infants</u>						
under 1 year	1	1	-	-	-	-
under 4 weeks	1	1	-	-	-	-
under 1 week	1	1	-	-	-	-

BIRTH RATES

Total Births	16
Still Birth Rate	NIL

DEATH RATES

Deaths (all causes)	20
Deaths of infants under 1 year	NIL

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
B 19 (3) Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	-	1
B 19(11) Other Malignant Neoplasm	1	-	1
B 27 Hypertensive Disease	1	-	1
B 28 Ischaemic Heart Disease	2	2	-
B 29 Other forms of heart disease	1	1	-
B 30 Cerebrovascular Disease	3	2	1
B 32 Pneumonia	4	2	2
B 33 (1) Bronchitis & Emphysema	1	1	-
B 33 (2) Asthma	1	1	-
B 34 Peptic Ulcer	1	-	1
B 43 Birth Injury, difficult labour, etc.	1	1	-
B 46 (6) Other diseases of Circulatory system	1	1	-
BE47 Motor vehicle accidents	2	2	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	20	13	7

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

FOR THE AREA

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The Public Health Laboratory at the County Hospital, Hereford, provides the necessary facilities for the area. Special facilities are available at a private laboratory in Gloucester.

CLINICS

The County Council hold the child Welfare Clinic on the 2nd Tuesday in each month at the local clinic.

WATER SUPPLY

Source - Supply of water is obtained from springs outside the district in the Lugg Valley area and fed into a high level reservoir inside the district.

Quantity - Supply has been adequate for the needs of the district.

Quality - Water supply is chlorinated. Results of samples of water taken from mains supply are as follows:-

<u>No. of samples taken</u>	<u>Results</u>	
	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
15	13	2

The two unsatisfactory samples were taken during the latter part of July. Although no Bact Coli (type 1) were present in these samples, they were not considered satisfactory for a chlorinated supply. No explanation for these unsatisfactory samples was received from the Radnorshire and North Breconshire Water Board, although further samples taken by them and by ourselves were found to be satisfactory.

No chemical analysis of water supply has been made and there is no information on the fluoride content of water supply.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Treatment Plant - This consists of screens/detritus channels/upward flow settlement tanks/percolating filters/humus tanks. Effluent is discharged into River Lugg.

Sludge is pumped into digestion tank and dealt with as follows:-

- a) liquid sludge is sprayed on grassland in the locality,
- b) liquid sludge is run on to drying beds for further de-watering and then stock piled.

Additional ground was purchased for any possible future extension to the works, and can also be used for spraying and storing of dried sludge.

About one third of town is drained into collecting tank beside River Lugg and effluent is pumped back into main sewer.

Sewers - Eventually sewers will have to be extended to the west and south of the town to cater for existing and proposed development in these areas.

Sampling - Samples of effluent have been taken by the Wye River Authority and reported on as satisfactory.

Workman - One man is employed to look after this treatment works (part-time).

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Collection - The Council continue to operate a weekly kerbside collection throughout the town, whilst the surrounding rural area receives a collection twice a month. Owing to increase in the number of properties and in the bulk of refuse to be collected, workmen are now continually working overtime and in some instances, collection is carried through to the following day.

Disposal - Refuse is burnt in incinerator and adjacent ground is used for disposal of ash, finings and bulky items of refuse.

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Department	Section	Work done
Agriculture	Irrigation	1000 acres
Forestry	Planting	5000 trees

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Summary of the work done

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Conclusions and recommendations

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REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL - CONTINUED

Workmen - Two men are normally employed on the collection of town refuse during one day of the week, but occasionally an additional man is employed during the summer months. One man is employed burning this refuse during most of the week.

Landscaping - The Council agreed to consider the possibility of planting trees on the existing tip with a view to screening incinerator building from the town, and forming a new tarmacadam roadway and turning point for this building.

HOUSING

Council Houses - With completion of the erection of 26 more council houses, the Council now own 143 houses. The Council still own just over one acre of ground at Townend for future housing development.

Private dwellings - Eleven new houses were completed during the year and there were 10 houses under construction at the end of the year.

Slum Clearance - Two undertakings were received and three closing orders made in respect of unfit houses in the district. Three substandard properties were modernised and a row of three other substandard houses were converted into two new dwellings.

Improvement Grants - Below are figures comparing the number of grants approved in 1971, with those for previous years:-

STANDARD GRANTS

Year	1968	1969	1970	1971
No. of applications approved	2	3	8	7

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Year	1968	1969	1970	1971
No. of applications approved	2	6	3	10
Amount of grant approved	£800	£3085	£1443	£8630

With the advent of the 75% grant the amount of grant applications, and in particular grant enquiries, increased enormously. This is a good thing for the town generally and up to the present time is the only financial assistance made available to owners to improve and thereby maintain their properties in a pleasing condition suited to their environment.

SWIMMING BATHS

At the primary school there is a learner swimming pool and it is proposed to construct an "improver" swimming pool at the comprehensive school.

RODENT CONTROL

Any treatments needed in the district are carried out by Council's workmen, a free treatment service being provided for private dwelling houses. No serious infestations occurred in the district, although continual baiting was carried out at Council's tipping area.

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OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

Registration and General Inspections

<u>Type of workplace</u>	<u>No. of premises registered at end of year</u>	<u>No. of persons employed</u>		<u>No. of premises inspected</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Offices	5	12	4	3
Retail Shops	6	10	19	4
Catering establishments open to the public	1	3	4	1
	12	25	27	8

FOOD PREMISES

Food premises in the district can be summarised under the following main headings:-

Slaughter houses	2
Butchers Shops	2
Cafes and Cake Shops	5
Grocery Stores	4
Greengrocers	2
Hotels and Public Houses (including 1 club)	7
Fish Shop	1
Food Factory	1
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TOTAL	24

Inspections have been carried out at these premises mainly in connection with visits for other purposes.

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MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

The two private slaughter houses operating in this district are owned by two local butchers who slaughter for their own requirements.

Lists of carcasses and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part was as follows:-

	Cattle excl. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & lambs	Pigs
Number Killed (if known)	223	-	-	496	157
Number inspected	223	-	-	496	157
All diseases except T.B. and cysterci					
whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	10	-	-	28	3
Tuberculosis only					
whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Cysticercosis only					
Generalised and condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections
Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by L.A.	5	3
Factories (not included above) in which sec. 7 is enforced by L.A.	11	8

